At about 12:30 p.m. yesterday, this squirrel chewed through electric wires by Lot 14. It caused a 30-40 second power outage on campus. As a result, at 4:00 p.m., a tripped circuit at campus CoGen plant caused fear of an overheat. Power was shut down campus wide to assess the problem.

Power returned to all buildings on campus, except the Student Center. Another campus wide power shut-down took place between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. today to further assess the situation without further affecting campus activity.

"SPARKS BEGAN TO FLY [AFTER THE SQUIRREL BIT INTO THE WIRES] AND IGNITED THE BUSHES...."
- Kiki Williams,
  Director of
  Physical Plant

The regular issue of The Montclarion will be released tomorrow. Pick it up to read about President Cole’s trip to Europe, her selection to Governor-elect James McGreevey’s transition team, L.A.S.O.’s open discussion on pan-ethnic labels, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone review, the basketball team’s rocky start and more.
No Power? No Problem!
Montclarion Keeps Going

ALL THE COMFORTS...: Montclarion editors and executive board members trekked to the apartment of Editor-in-Chief James Davison (Above) to put together the special edition. (Right) Arts Editor Anna Lawrence lays out page two as Managing Editor Mike Sanchez offer input. (Below, from l. - r.) Production Editor Inbal Kahanov, Assistant Arts Editor James Topoleski, Sanchez and News Editor Lillian M. Aleman brainstorm ideas.

Special Thanks to:
IT’s Ed Chapel and Jeff Giaccobe for giving assistance in making this special edition possible under these certain circumstances.
Matt Orlando for letting us use your room to publish this edition. Don’t worry. We won’t make it a habit. (Unless another squirrel bites into the wires.)

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The past few months the United States has become a much more dangerous place. Planes fly into buildings and deadly powder is sent through the mail, touching both its target and those in its path.

None of these issues touched us directly the functioning of MSU. It took something of much less significance than a terrorist act to bring MSU to a partial halt, a squirrel on an unknowingly suicidal mission to bring down the power grid. It has likely learned its lesson now, having gone the way of any organism that comes in contact with a few thousand more volts of electricity than is healthy, but the damage has been done. Squirrel 1, MSU 0.

Despite this, MSU remains mostly open, though with repairs to be made, The Montclarion still comes out, albeit in a truncated mode, and ultimately we still have a life to lead, which is more than the squirrel has. Squirrel 1, MSU 10, game set and match!

In any case, this should be a friendly and somewhat funny wakeup call that not all disasters, large or small, come in the forms we’ve recently become accustomed to. Sometimes they are just accidents, though even these accidents must be dealt with and worked through, and that is what matters most— not the form of obstacle or the method of delivery, but rather simply how we deal with it when it arrives.

Montclarion Question

Of the Week:

Look to Friday’s Issue for the Question of the Week

Log on to: www.themontclarion.com to voice your opinion.
R brave & Eric Magrini (#85) after losing to Ithaca.

**This is horrible right now because our dreams, our goals were so high and just to get it shattered like that.**

- Eric Magrini (#85) after losing to Ithaca.

**MSU Season Comes to a Crashing End**

Tomorrow

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